

Minnesota Soybean Production Up 13 Percent

**CORN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.09 **billion** bushels, down 3 percent from 2004, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. The August 1 yield is forecast at 155 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Corn for grain harvested acres is estimated at 7.0 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 268 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 6.5 bushels from 2004.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 79.6 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 46 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the July forecast, and down 9 bushels per acre from last year.

**BARLEY** production is forecast at 6.3 million bushels, down 12 percent from last month, but down 19 percent from 2004. Yield is forecast at 60 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels per acre from July, and down 8 bushels per acre from last year.

**OAT** production is estimated at 13.0 million bushels, down 13 percent from last month, and down 2 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 62.0 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from July and down 8 bushels from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.0 million tons, down 9 percent from 2004. Yield is estimated at 19.1 tons per acre, down 1.8 tons per acre from last year.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.1 million hundredweight, up 81 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,600 pounds per acre, 450 pounds per acre more than last year.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 4.5 million tons, down 5 percent from 2004. Yield is forecast at 3.2 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**CORN** production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year but 3 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 139.2 bushels per acre, down 21.2 bushels from last year's record.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 2.79 billion bushels, down 11 percent from 2004 but 14 percent above 2003. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 38.7 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from the record high yield in 2004.

**SPRING WHEAT** production is forecast at 553 million bushels, down 6 percent from last month and 3 percent below 2004. Acreage intended for harvest is unchanged from last month.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

| COMMODITY         | 2004<br>HARVESTED<br>ACRES<br>(000) | 2005<br>HARVESTED<br>ACRES<br>(000) | 2004<br>YIELD | 2005<br>YIELD | 2004<br>PRODUCTION<br>(000) | 2005<br>PRODUCTION<br>(000) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MINNESOTA         |                                     |                                     |               |               |                             |                             |
| CORN (Bu)         | 7,050                               | 7,000                               | 159.0         | 155.0         | 1,120,950                   | 1,085,000                   |
| SOYBEANS (Bu)     | 7,050                               | 6,700                               | 33.5          | 40.0          | 236,175                     | 268,000                     |
| SPRING WHEAT (Bu) | 1,610                               | 1,730                               | 55.0          | 46.0          | 88,550                      | 79,580                      |
| BARLEY (Bu)       | 115                                 | 105                                 | 68.0          | 60.0          | 7,820                       | 6,300                       |
| OATS (Bu)         | 190                                 | 210                                 | 70.0          | 62.0          | 13,300                      | 13,020                      |
| SUGARBEETS (Ton)  | 470                                 | 470                                 | 20.9          | 19.1          | 9,823                       | 8,977                       |
| DRY BEANS 1/      | 100                                 | 130                                 | 1,150.0       | 1,600.0       | 1,150                       | 2,080                       |
| ALFALFA HAY (Ton) | 1,350                               | 1,400                               | 3.5           | 3.2           | 4,725                       | 4,480                       |
| OTHER HAY (Ton)   | 650                                 | 700                                 | 1.8           | 1.8           | 1,170                       | 1,260                       |
| UNITED STATES     |                                     |                                     |               |               |                             |                             |
| CORN (Bu)         | 73,632                              | 74,368                              | 160.4         | 139.2         | 11,807,217                  | 10,349,841                  |
| SOYBEANS (Bu)     | 73,958                              | 72,184                              | 42.5          | 38.7          | 3,140,996                   | 2,791,133                   |
| SPRING WHEAT (Bu) | 13,174                              | 13,637                              | 43.2          | 40.6          | 568,918                     | 553,375                     |
| BARLEY (Bu)       | 4,021                               | 3,471                               | 69.4          | 68.2          | 279,253                     | 236,729                     |
| OATS (Bu)         | 1,792                               | 1,976                               | 64.7          | 64.7          | 115,935                     | 127,819                     |
| SUGARBEETS (Ton)  | 1,307                               | 1,248                               | 22.9          | 21.3          | 29,956                      | 26,639                      |
| DRY BEANS 1/      | 1,219                               | 1,531                               | 1,460.0       | 1,687.0       | 17,799                      | 25,829                      |
| ALFALFA HAY (Ton) | 21,707                              | 22,118                              | 3.5           | 3.3           | 75,383                      | 73,849                      |
| OTHER HAY (Ton)   | 40,209                              | 39,605                              | 2.1           | 1.9           | 82,391                      | 76,068                      |

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.